

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, claims 22, 23 and 25-37 were pending. Claim 23 was allowed, and Claims 22, 26, 27, and 33 were rejected. Claims 34-37 were objected to, but were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 25 and 28-32 were identified as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In this paper, Claim 22 is cancelled, Claims 25, 26, 28, 33-35 are amended, and new Claims 41-47 are added. Claims 23, 25-37, and 41-47 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowed Subject Matter (Claims 23 and 34-37)

Claim 23 is allowed.

Claims 34-37 were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this paper, Claims 34 and 35 have been re-written in independent form. Claims 36 and 37 depend from Claim 35. For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 34-37 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (Claims 25-32)

Claims 22, 25, 26 and 28-32 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph is moot in light of the amendment to Claim 25 and the amendment to Claim 28.

Claims 25 and 28-32 were identified as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 25 and 28-32 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 26 and 27 are respectfully submitted to be allowable at least because they depend from allowable Claim 25.

and employing a second gate-to-source voltage to provide a voltage drop between the other node and the input node”, as recited in Applicants’ Claim 47.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 23, 25-37, and 41-47) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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